

CALVARY CONTENDER ARTICLES

September 25, 1999 (Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org) - The following information is from the October 1 issue of the Calvary Contender. Jerry Huffman is the editor of this bi-weekly paper. The full issues are available on the web at <http://home.hiwaay.net/~contendr/>--

GEORGETOWN NAMES FIRST MUSLIM CHAPLAIN -- Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic university in the U.S., has appointed its first Muslim chaplain (8/28 Dallas Morn. News). He is believed to be the first Muslim chaplain at any major U.S. university. Georgetown has two rabbis and some part-time Protestant ministers (6/15 CC). Pornographer Larry Flynt lectured there last May (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

ROCK CONCERT VIOLENCE -- Thousands are injured each year at rock concerts--at least 5,711 in 1998 alone (9/6 USN&WR). Hard-driving acts in the newly popular "rap-rock" genre whip mostly male crowds into a frenzy. Misogyny seems on the rise in rock music. Rap-rock lyrics describe raping, beating, and dismembering women (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

AIDS IS STILL DEADLY -- For a brief time drug combinations were dramatically reducing AIDS deaths, but now the number of new U.S. cases is static at 40,000 each year (9/13 USN&WR). AIDS deaths plunged 42 percent from 1996 to 1997 but only 20 percent from 1997 to 1998. Most who could benefit from newer drugs already receive them, while drug resistance and side effects force others off medication. AIDS is now the leading cause of death among 25-to-44-year-old black men. (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

BROTHER ANDREW'S OPEN DOORS -- The Australian Beacon (5/99) says Fundamentalists should not support Brother Andrews' Open Doors since it accepts the premise of extra-scriptural revelation. It quotes a recent Open Doors paper as saying it "is no longer surprised when we hear...that a converted Muslim has been led to Jesus by means of a dream or vision." Open Doors linked last year with the ecumenical Global March for Jesus, and does not have a "standpoint on doctrinal issues" (10/15/98 CC). Brother Andrew, of God's Smuggler fame, guested with Robert A. Schuller in 1994 in the Crystal Cathedral (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

SLAYING THE DRAGON OF EVOLUTION is the title of an excellent new 85-page book which is a 12-lesson study refuting the hoax of evolution. Isaac Manly, a retired surgeon and former theistic evolutionist [religious affiliation?], is the author. The recent Kansas school board ban on the mention of evolution makes this a timely topic. Get this helpful book from: College Press, P. O. Box 1132, Joplin, MO 64802, \$5.99 + \$1.59 p & h. (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

MacARTHUR LEAVES 'INCARNATIONAL SONSHIP' -- Popular Bible teacher Dr. John MacArthur now says: "I want to state publicly that I have abandoned the doctrine of 'incarnational sonship.' Careful study and reflection have brought me to understand that Scripture does indeed present the relationship between God the Father and Christ the Son as an eternal Father-Son relationship. I no longer regard Christ's sonship as a role He assumed in His incarnation." We applaud his willingness to reverse himself and acknowledge that his earlier teaching did not square with Scripture, though he still denies that it is "rank heresy." Will "fundamentalists" who have defended his "serious error" teachings now do a sudden reversal? Will MacArthur now recant his teaching on the blood of Christ which many fundamentalists regard as heresy? His incarnational Sonship (and other) teaching caused a schism in the IFCA a decade ago (see 2/1/90 & 11/15/95 CCs).

How now will IFCA leaders, who continued to promote him, and other MacArthur defenders react to his reversal? IFCA's Voice magazine for many years has kept right on promoting MacArthur ministries in full-page ads. Should MacArthur and IFCA leaders who sided with him now apologize to the IFCA for the great harm the "Sonship" error has caused to that fellowship? (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999)

CAMPOLO'S CONFUSING ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY -- Tony Campolo in a letter to Jerry Falwell tries to explain his recent statement on Christ, judgment, and redemption (9/9 National Liberty Journal). He says: "Certainly I believe that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior of humanity." He then says Rom. 2:14-16 "suggests that the work of Christ on the cross may be broader than some of us think," and quotes Billy Graham as saying that "on Judgment Day, there may be people who enter the Kingdom who have not called themselves Christians." Campolo stands by his statement on The Charlie Rose Show that "I am not convinced that Jesus only lives in Christians" (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).

WAKE FOREST'S NEW DIVINITY SCHOOL -- Wake Forest University's new divinity school (see 9/15 CC) will take a radical departure from its Baptist heritage, choosing among its faculty a Benedictine monk, a feminist biblical scholar and a theologian who calls God "our motherly father" (8/22 Raleigh News & Observer). This ecumenical school is premised on the belief that denominations don't matter. WFU in 1997 featured a Buddhist monk, a rabbi, snake handler, and Tony Campolo as speakers (Calvary Contender, October 1, 1999).